

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 1935 - HB 2025

February 20, 2018

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Secretary of State (SOS) to establish a crime victim address confidentiality program to provide a substitute address for victims of domestic abuse, stalking, human trafficking, rape, sexual battery, or any other sexual offense and their minor children. Establishes a Class A misdemeanor for any person knowingly disclosing or obtaining a program participant's confidential address.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Exceeds \$100,100

Assumptions:

- The proposed language would authorize victims to file an application with the SOS to receive an address designated by the SOS to serve as the person's substitute address.
- The SOS will keep the participant's real address confidential except if directed by a court order signed by a judge, upon written request by a chief law enforcement officer of a local government, the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, the Tennessee Highway Patrol, or a federal law enforcement agency.
- Under the program the SOS will forward all first class mail, legal documents, certified mail, and service of process received on behalf of the program participant at the designated address to the participant's real address.
- Based on information from the SOS, it is estimated there will be approximately 750 participants in the program annually.
- The SOS will hire one person to assist in the maintenance of the address confidentiality program which will result in a recurring increase in state expenditures of \$50,065 (\$37,000 salary + \$13,065 benefits).
- The recurring increase in state expenditures associated with mailing all received documents to each program participant's confidential address is estimated to exceed \$50,000 annually.
- The total recurring increase in state expenditures is estimated to exceed \$100,065 (\$50,065 additional position + \$50,000 postage).
- There will not be a sufficient number of prosecutions for state or local government to experience any significant increase in revenue or expenditures.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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